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COVID-19 Announcement

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Third and Fourth Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Menasha

The City of Menasha Health Department received notice today, April 21, 2020, from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services that two additional people in Menasha have tested positive for COVID-19. This brings the total number of confirmed cases in the City of Menasha to four.

The Menasha Health Department began monitoring these residents as part of the contact tracing process, as each was identified as a close contact of an individual confirmed to have COVID-19. During interviews with health department staff, both residents described symptoms and were referred for testing. The residents have been compliant with all requests from our health department. They remain at home in isolation and are following all recommendations to prevent contact with others.

Our health department is currently conducting contact tracing to identify and follow-up with anyone who had close contact with the individuals who tested positive for COVID-19. Close contacts are being educated about self-monitoring their health status by our health department nurses. They will be required to do daily symptom and temperature checks; as well as quarantine themselves for 14 days as a precaution.

To minimize the spread of the virus, our health department is reinforcing our recommendation that everyone comply with [Governor Evers Safer At Home Executive Order](#), and avoid all nonessential travel and follow all physical distancing guidelines. Physical distancing guidelines include maintaining a six-foot distance from others outside of the home at all times, covering coughs and sneezes, and washing your hands often and for at least 20 seconds.

During this time, we strongly recommend that all individuals stay at home, with limited exceptions, such as for medical appointments, to get food or medications, or to go outdoors for exercise. Additionally, we recommend minimizing contact with individuals who are most at risk for serious illness as much as possible. Individuals at higher risk include those age 65 or older, and those with medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease. More information about individuals most at risk can be found on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).

There are likely more cases in Menasha than have been confirmed. Residents should follow the guidelines from the [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#) and the [CDC](#) to protect themselves and help slow the spread of the virus. City of Menasha COVID-19 updates are located [here](#).

Please call [2-1-1](#) with any non-emergency inquiries about COVID-19 or for referrals to local services. You can also text COVID19 to 211-211 to receive links to CDC information about the virus.

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